

OUR TOWN

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

SPRING 2009



3

Town
Finances



6

Notes from
the Sheriff



8

Reducing
GHG
Emissions



9

Donor Wall
Project



The use of social media by consumers is booming (up 75% in 2008, Forrester), including blogs (over 133 million blogs since 2002, Technorati), Twitter growth (over 7.5 million users in 2008), and Facebook with an increase in the 35+ age demographic of 12 million projected in 2009.

LAH BY THE NUMBERS:

Population: 8,837

Number of single-family homes: 2,877

Number of children under the age of 18: 1,966

Number of public schools that serve LAH children: 8;

Number of private schools: 16+



LAH Families Join Together

A group of Los Altos Hills parents are working, with the help of the Town via a \$5,000 grant, to connect both parents and their children in the Town via face-to-face events and a new website at www.lahfamily.com. "We all love the Hills and large lots in our Town," says supporter Mark Breier, father of 3 boys (ages 7, 15, and 17), "but those same features can make it hard to meet nearby families and kids. Add in the multiple elementary schools and 50% patronage of private schools, and there may be dozens of unknown family and school-age friends within an easy walk or bike ride." [CONTINUED ON PAGE 2.]

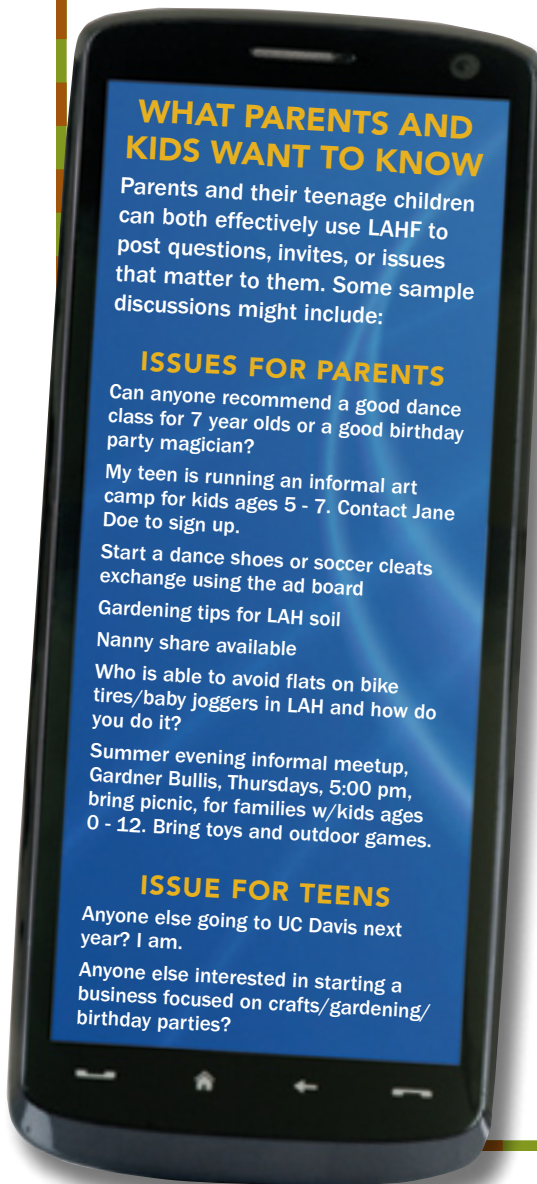
Teenager organizers reflect the diversity of schools and interests. Pictured here are Chris Bien (Gunn), Jocie Schriener (Woodside Priory), Siena Witte (Menlo), Corey Breier (Gunn), Travis Breier (Pinewood), and David Kirk (Los Altos High).





Parent organizers from different schools pose with their children: (back row, l-r) Gary Patou, Cathy Foster, Alli Deeter, Stacey Ahrens, Helen Lin-Murphy, Ronda Breier, Mark Breier (front row) Laura and Caroline Patou (Gideon Hausner School), Megan and Caroline Foster (St. Nicholas School), Skylar Deeter (Nixon School), Kate Ahrens (Bullis Charter School) and William Ahrens, Sean Murphy (Pinewood), Riley Breier (Gardner Bullis)

The group, Los Altos Hills Family (LAHF) encourages Town parents and high school teens to go to www.lahfamily.com to share information, interests, and tips.



LAHF Serves Parents

"We are striving for a safe, private, and community feel to the website," says Brian Carlstrom, technical lead on the website and father of two boys and one girl (ages 2, 4, and 7). "You will be able to post queries to other Hills families about best pathway for family walks, favorite family restaurants, or recommendations for kid allowances and get town family feedback. You will also be able to form custom sub-groups, such as kid gardening, street hockey, or charity causes."

"This will be a wonderful way to bridge the gap between all of the schools in LAH and bring the families and children together."

SUSAN BOURGON,
PARENT OF 3 CHILDREN

LAHF has formed sub-groups by children's age to plan special events and web discussions. Leaders include: Pre-Kindergarden, Elizabeth Snyder; Kindergarden – 2nd, Jennifer Carlstrom; 3rd – 6th, Lee Hartley, Middle School, Acenia Farrand. Soon a High School leader will be announced.

Age group leaders are looking for parent volunteers to join them in leadership, hosting events, outreach, and moderating website discussions and can sign up at the site.

One model for the website is the Parents Club of Palo Alto and Menlo Park, (PAMP). PAMP offerings on

their website include: Parent Education, Mom's and Dad's Nights Out, Community Volunteer Opportunities, and Annual Used Toy and Clothing Sale. "We hope to offer many of these features, but also, given our small town size, offer many intimate gatherings by age of kids and shared interests," says Acenia Farrand, mother of a boy and girl (ages 14 and 16).

LAHF Serves Teenagers

The Town's teenagers are separately organizing, with parent advisors, with their own group via Facebook (see link at www.lahfamily.com). "We think we may be the fastest group to form," says organizer Corey Breier. "I think we can sign up many of the town teens within just a few weeks."

The underlying technology for the Family Group, BigTent.com, was selected for its emphasis on privacy and security for group members. The teenagers will use Facebook because of its familiarity with local teens.

"The potential returns to town energy and vitality from LAHF are huge," says parent, Craig Jones, father of two girls (ages 12 and 15) and one boy (age 2), and former council member.

If you are a Town parent of school-age children and want to join LAHF, sign-up at www.lahfamily.com. The group will host an information table and several teen activities at the Los Altos Hills picnic on June 7 at Purissima Park.



TO LEARN MORE:

The Starfish and the Spider: The Unstoppable Power of Leaderless Organizations by Ori Brafman.

Town Finances Stay Strong in Challenging Economy



The Town of Los Altos Hills is in a stable financial position in spite of the economic downturn. The Town revenues come mainly from property taxes, approximately

\$54 per \$1,000 in property tax paid to the County of Santa Clara. Unlike most other municipalities, the Town does not substantially rely on sales tax. Property values in the Hills have sagged, as in most of the State, and assessment protests have resulted in lowered revenues from recently purchased homes that have dropped in value. However, this is offset by the ongoing turnover of homes, which were assessed under Prop 13 requirements at values that are significantly below market.

As these properties change ownership, they may be reassessed to full current market value.

As a result, general fund revenues are forecast to grow by approximately 2% annually over the next 5 years. The following chart depicts the Town's assessed value (see chart 1).

Town general fund expenses are growing mainly driven by payroll even though the total number of full time benefited positions has not increased. The stock market losses caused by the financial crisis have resulted in the State pension system being under funded. This will raise the cost of employee pensions in the coming years (see chart 2).

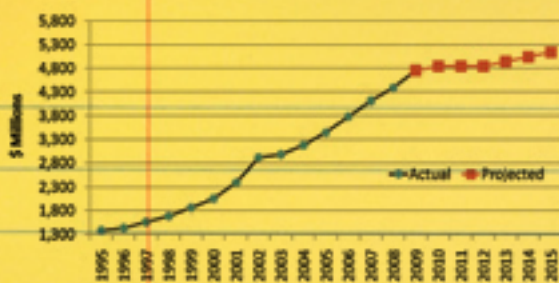
The surplus from our General fund, in the range of \$1.1 to \$1.5 million annually, is forecast to be spent on discretionary programs or programs that

are beyond the Town's core services. Discretionary programs include operations and capital improvements for parks and recreation, streets, pathways and storm drains (see chart 3).

While the forecast is based on relatively conservative assumptions, the biggest risk going forward is the possibility that the State, because of its own budget problems, "raids" city revenues. This could potentially cost the Town several hundred thousand dollars a year. A key factor, which may trigger this risk, is the outcome of the State's special election on May 19th and any subsequent budget balancing efforts.

Town reserves are sufficient to ensure continued Town operations in the event of an emergency. Town reserves are professionally managed and almost entirely invested in securities that have the explicit backing of the US Government (see chart 4).

1. Assessed Values (1995 actual to 2015 projected)



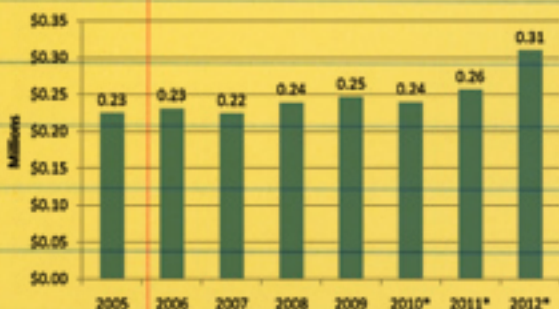
Actual assessed values determined by the County of Santa Clara Assessor's office.

3. Discretionary Spending in FY 2009



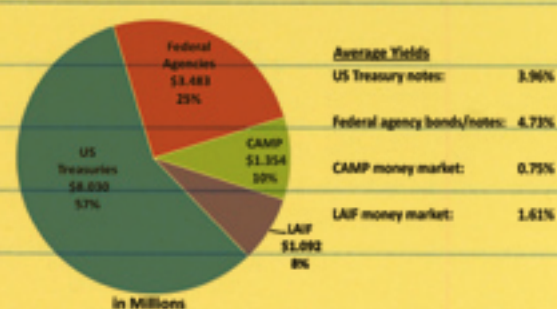
FY 2008-09 Budget

2. General Fund Pension Cost



Notes: Fiscal year 2012 will be the first year to reflect any change in portfolio valuation for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2009.

4. Cash and Investments (as of 4.30.09)

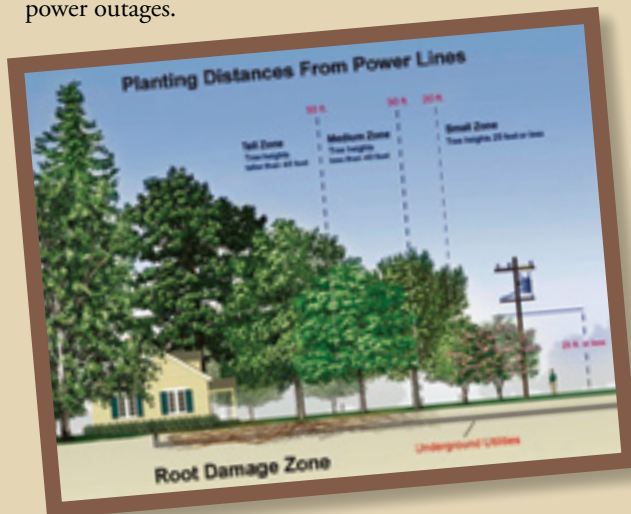


Average Yields	
US Treasury notes:	3.96%
Federal agency bonds/notes:	4.73%
CAMP money market:	0.75%
LAIF money market:	1.61%

FROM THE PLANNING DIRECTOR

Landscaping Guidelines

Planting trees around your property enhances the environment by providing shade and privacy, producing oxygen, storing carbon, preventing erosion and filtering noise and pollutants. However, it is important to plant the right tree in the right place. Each year, as required by State and Federal law, PG&E inspects, prunes and sometimes removes tall trees that grow into or threaten electric lines. These vegetation management efforts help improve public safety and reduce power outages.



Landscaping near power lines should be done in consultation with a local nursery to select trees with mature heights no taller than 25 feet. The spread of the tree should remain at least 10 feet away from power lines



because roots may be damaged if underground facilities need to be dug up for repairs. Larger trees need to be planted quite a distance from lines to be sure they do not create power line problems throughout their entire life.

PG&E has recently produced a Small Tree Planting Guide that includes tree listings and illustrations to help homeowners choose the right tree when landscaping or planting near distribution lines. Planting the right tree in the right place will limit the need for frequent pruning and help reduce fire hazards and power outages. A free copy of PG&E's "A Selection and Planting Guide to Small Trees Near Distribution Lines" is available at Town Hall. If you would like to get more information on trees and power lines, please visit the website www.safetree.net or email RightTreeRightPlace@pge.com.

Debbie Pedro, Planning Director

New Assistant Planner Appointed

In December 2008, David Keyon joined the Planning Department as the new Assistant Planner. David received his B.S. degree in City and Regional Planning from California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo.

After being on the job for the past 6 months, David says that he is really enjoying the transition from his previous six and half years job at the Santa Cruz County Planning Department – where he was employed as one of two planners for the Aptos area and the main planner for Aptos Beach. In that position, he achieved what he regards as a fairly important improvement in service. "I was able to improve and contribute to the Beach Drive development that addressed complexities of landslides, flooding and Coastal Commission issues." In Santa Cruz, he regularly presented proposals for the Planning Commission that addressed a wide variety of progressively difficult environmental and controversial proposals.

Even though he is new to the LAH Planning Department, he was pleased to effectively handle his first LAH planning project – the recent planning request for a conditional development & variance permit for a project on Hill Way. That project provided an opportunity to study a unique request and to hone his presentation skills before our Planning Commission. David states, "The Planning Commission was very receptive to staff input and accepted the staff recommendations with a unanimous vote."

David is enjoying the camaraderie of working in LAH. "Co-workers are very friendly to the new kid on the block," states David. "It only took a few days before I felt right at home and now enjoy noontime walks with my colleagues."

In his spare time he enjoys map collecting and traveling. Prior to accepting the LAH position, David took a year off to travel the world.

As to his future goals, David plans to undertake in the near term (2-3 years) a Masters Degree and obtain Certification by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).





PURISSIMA PARK IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN

If you have been out to see a baseball game recently, then you have seen the new Purissima Park!

The Town of Los Altos Hills hosted a re-dedication ceremony on Sunday, May 3 at 10:00 am to celebrate the completion of a \$1.3 million renovation of the newly re-named Purissima Park.

The City Council of Los Altos Hills approved the renovation project in December 2007 as part of a major commitment to upgrade and improve the Town's parks and recreation assets.



The project included major upgrades to the drainage and irrigation systems and parking lot areas. It also added more park like features including picnic tables, a sport court, safety fencing, improved landscaping and a new restroom facility.

The public is invited to utilize the playground and basketball court located at Purissima Park.

Purissima Park is located at 27400 Purissima Road at Viscaino Road. For more information, please contact Town Hall at 650-941-7222 x 241.



Look out 007!

The Mad Science Spy Academy is here! From decoding messages to metal detectors and night vision, kids (ages 5-12) will have the opportunity to check out spy equipment and even create their own edible message. Step into the shoes of a detective as you uncover the science involved in evidence gathering and analysis. Figure out the science of forensics in a hands-on look at crime scenes. Become a super spy and learn clever ways of performing tasks as we take a hands-on view of the science that spies use.

The Spy Academy is part of Session 2 which runs from June 15-19 (M-F, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm) will take place at the Parks and Recreation Center at Town Hall. Fee: \$285 Resident/\$328 Non-Resident. For more information on this exciting camp or to register, please visit www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/parks-and-recreation or call 650-941-7222.

Summer Programs

You may also register now for these upcoming Los Altos Hills Parks and Recreation Programs:

- Horseback Riding Camps
- A Touch of the Earth Ohlone Summer Day Camp with Keith Gutierrez
- Camp Shoreline and Windsurfing at Shoreline Aquatic Center
- Lacrosse Camps by Atherton Lacrosse
- British Soccer Camps by Challenger Sports
- Skyhawks Mini-Hawks, Baseball and Multi-Sport Camps
- Skyhawks Flag Football, Basketball and Soccer Camps
- Mad Science Camps: Jet Cadets; NASA: Journey into Outer Space; Wacky Robots and Widgets
- Mad Science Camps: Little Green Thumbs; "Fizz"-ical Phenomena and Che-Mystery

Fourth of July Parade

Fourth of July Parade is being planned from Town Hall to Gardner Bullis School. The parade will start in the morning at the Town Hall Parking lot. With the assistance of the Sheriff Department, Fremont Road will be closed to all traffic between Concepcion to Miranda during the parade.

Parade organizers hope to limit participants to human or battery powered vehicles (no fossil fuels or horses). Kids of all ages should come dressed for the parade and freely decorate their bikes, stilts, po-go sticks, rollerblades, skateboards, etc. Watermelon and soft drinks will be served at the end of the parade. For information contact: Courtenay Corrigan at ccc Corrigan@yahoo.com.



Community Hoedown

Join us for this year's LAH Community Hoedown at Westwind Community Barn on Saturday, September 12 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm with dinner at 5:00 pm. The Hoedown is sponsored by the LAH Parks and Recreation Committee. This event is free and features old-fashioned games and interesting crafts, wine tasting by local vintners, farmers market of LAH produce, horse show, 4-H demonstration, Open House for Parks and Recreation programs, and live blue grass music by Side Saddle Band. A hometown country chicken dinner will be available, with advance purchase, but seating is limited and will be on a first come basis.

Order forms are available on the Town website: www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/parks-and-recreation. Westwind Barn is located at 27210 Altamont Road. For more information contact Eric Christensen, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, at (650) 941-7222 x 241.

FROM THE



Door-to-door Soliciting

Did you know that selling magazine subscriptions door-to-door (or any other kind of door-to-door soliciting) is subject to a Town ordinance.

Specifically such solicitors need a permit from the Town and a criminal background check, and they need to then wear the permit conspicuously on their person while soliciting.

So the next time somebody rings your front door bell and tugs on your heartstrings with a story about working toward a scholarship by selling magazine subscriptions – if they aren't wearing a clearly visible permit, it is suggested you call 911.



Dialing 911 on a Cell Phone

When you dial 911 on your cell phone, the call is not automatically traceable to an address and therefore routed via a central CHP communications center. The responder there must then determine (by talking to you) to which county to route the call – which takes time that would not have been necessary if you had used a conventional landline.

One way to avoid this extra delay is to program your cell phone with the direct number of the county communications center (where your 911 call would have eventually been routed to). By having it programmed directly in the address book of your cell phone you will have it at hand when you need it. The phone number in Santa Clara County is (408) 299 3233 – but of course use this only when you are calling for an emergency within the county. Using it when you are in San Mateo County for example is just going to result in an even bigger delay – not to mention confusion.



Disposal of Medications

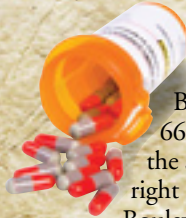
Take a look in your medicine cabinet. That old bottle of pain pills (that they gave you to take home when you were last discharged from hospital) or those antibiotics (that they gave you when you ran up that nasty infection but never

finished) – please get rid of them before they cause an accident or fall into the wrong hands.

Flushing them down the toilet is not the right answer. This can cause adverse environmental repercussions whether you have a septic tank or are connected to sewers. Putting them in the trash is just as bad.

There are a number of disposal sites for medications available within the county, see www.hhw.org for a complete list. The closest one for Los

Altos Hills residents is in Cupertino at the Sheriff's West Valley Patrol Sub-Station at 1601 S. De Anza Blvd in Cupertino, Tel (408) 868-6600. (Take 280 to 85 south and take the second exit (De Anza Blvd) and turn right off the exit to go south De Anza Boulevard and the office is clearly signed on the right within a block or two.)



Trash Containers on Streets

You may set your Trash and Recycling containers out on the street the night before pickup but they must be brought inside your property setbacks within 24 hours of pickup. Trash and Recycling containers should not be left out in public right of way.

If your driveway is 100 feet or less, Green-Waste will pick up your garbage and recyclables close to your house, where you normally keep them, even behind a gate (unlocked) at no extra charge.

LAH Ordinance States:

Sec. 6-3.08. Solid waste and recyclables containers. (e) Solid waste and recyclables containers shall be placed at the authorized collection station not more than twenty-four (24) hours preceding the scheduled collection time. Such containers shall be removed from the collection station within twenty-four (24) hours after collection. Containers provided by the solid waste and recyclables collector shall not be removed from the property by any person other than the solid waste and recyclables collector.



AMATEUR RADIO NETWORK BENEFITS TOWN



Every Monday night I flip a switch and become KI6LDU to fellow members of the Los Altos Hills Emergency Communications Committee. KI6LDU is the FCC call sign that I use when I go on the air.

I am honored to be part of an amateur radio network that will provide essential communication links for the Town of Los Altos Hills when traditional forms of communication are out-of-service, whether from an earthquake, a fire, or some other emergency.

The Town must prepare to be self-sufficient in such events. That's why it is important that we citizens

participate in volunteer opportunities offered by the Town. It's fun and personally rewarding. In only one year I've learned and practiced skills that benefit my friends, my family, and myself. I've also gained a satisfying sense of community through interactions with Town officials and neighbors. I've found my new acquaintances to be colleagues and mentors always willing to teach. A typical month of training might include triage at a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class or efficient

communication under stress at an ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) meeting.

Whether it is early morning preparation for a yearly flea market, or a late night training exercise, I'm excited to spend time working with the committee; it is a welcome break from the routine of high school. I encourage more of our community (and especially my generation) to step up and take advantage of this incredible opportunity to learn a lot while giving back to the Town.

Miles Seiver, Member Emergency Communications Committee



In March, the fifth in the "Living with Wildlife" lecture series was held at Town Hall. About 80 people attended "Coexisting with the Wily Coyote," which was sponsored by the Los Altos Hills Open Space Committee, Mid-peninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), and Hidden Villa. Coyote expert Camilla Fox elaborated on coyote behavior and the ways that humans can adapt their behaviors to live in peace with this keystone predator. Eliminating food sources from your property (pet food, fallen fruit, compost, trash, even water) is key, and keeping companion animals in at night is very important.

Feeding wild animals is always a bad idea and will eventually contribute to animal-human conflict. Sightings of coyotes during daytime hours are becoming more common in our town, but this is "normal" coyote behavior in the wildland-urban interface and is not an indicator that the animal is sick. However, scaring them off when they approach too close to residents' homes is advised.

Coyotes offer free rodent control. Their main diet consists of rats, mice, and rabbits; but they're also scavengers, and they keep the ecosystem clean by eating carrion.

Camilla shared some fascinating facts about coyotes. A video of her presentation can be viewed at: www.lahopenspace.com. If you missed the previous presentation on rats and how to deal with them, you'll find that presentation as well on the same website.

To learn more, adults can read "Track of the Coyote" by Todd Wilkinson. Recommended reading for children is "Sundance Coyote" by Dr. Michael Fox.

LAH Open Space Committee

Coyotes in Our Midst



CITY COUNCIL APPROVES Green House Gas Reduction Targets

On January 8th, the Environmental Initiatives Committee (EIC) recommended, and our Town Council unanimously approved a set of targets for reducing Green House Gas (GHG) emissions within Los Altos Hills. Similar targets were included in AB 32, California's Global Warming Solutions Act in 2006. AB 32 requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop regulations and market mechanisms that will ultimately reduce California's greenhouse gases to meet the 2020 goals. The EIC is planning to be ahead of the curve with our targets and doing the right thing by targeting meaningful reductions now, and also identifying specific initiatives that can realistically get us there.

In order to meet the California 2020 target, we are setting

reduction targets for the Town to help communicate the overall direction to residents and allow town planners to identify and implement programs of appropriate scale to achieve the desired reductions by 2015. The Town goals, based on GHG inventory



performed last year and an analysis of possible mitigation programs, were approved as follows: 40% reduction from 2005 GHG levels by 2015 for LAH Government, and

30% reduction from 2005 GHG levels by 2015 for the entire LAH Community.

The EIC has three initiatives to support these targets:

1. Reduce Energy Use by conducting voluntary Residential Energy Audits; implement PG&E Climate Smart Program, and encourage conversion to Solar and Renewable Energy sources.

2. Reduce Landfill Use by encouraging Green Construction & Demolition and by switching to Green Refuse & Recycling companies, such as GreenWaste for our town collections.

3. Reduce use of Fossil Fuels by encouraging reductions in total miles driven and by using Hybrid and Electric Vehicles.

The next step is to design and implement educational programs and town services around our initiatives. Stay tuned for more announcements.

Environmental Initiatives Committee

WHY BROOM SHOULD NOT BLOOM

Many of the older gardens in Los Altos Hills have in their hedges and edges a semi-evergreen, 3-foot shrub, which in spring is covered with pretty yellow sweet-pea shaped flowers. It is drought tolerant, prefers poor soils and can survive freezing temperatures. This shrub is Broom.

All the Brooms, and there are many species including Common Broom, Scotch Broom, English Broom etc., are natives of Europe, north Africa and south-west Asia, and in many spaces outside of their native ranges they have become ecologically damaging, noxious and invasive pests.

Broom plants can live for over 15 years and produce up to 12,000 seeds per year. On the west coast of the United States they are crowding-out native vegetation – Scotch Broom currently occupies more than 700,000 acres in California alone. In New Zealand and Australia it has proved almost impossible to eradicate in many locations: because it is harmful to livestock it has made enormous areas of animal grazing lands unusable. Broom inhibits reforestation by competing with seedling trees, costing the forest industry in New Zealand an estimated \$90 million per year in lost timber production; in Oregon that figure is \$47 million.



The Town of Los Altos Hills cannot afford to let these poisonous weeds spread into our precious Open Spaces. Please check your gardens for Broom plants and try to get rid of them. Pull out the small ones. If you have large plants, which you cannot pull out, cut them down at the end of the summer when they cannot re-sprout as freely as in the spring.

Many nurseries in the area are selling colored brooms – they may call them Genistas. If you buy them, please make sure that these hybrids are infertile and will set no seeds to make further trouble. Remember – eradicate a pest, don't plant one.

Pat Ley, Environmental Design Committee

SUNDAY,
JUNE 7

12TH ANNUAL LOS ALTOS HILLS

TOWN PICNIC

The 12th Annual Los Altos Hills Town Picnic will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 7, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the new Purissima Park, formerly the Little League Fields, on Purissima Road at Viscaino Road. The Picnic features an exciting and timely pirate show by Pirates of



Harbor Bay, musical entertainment by the popular Jazz Unlimited band, several large inflatable attractions, Lionel model trains, games, a classic car show with over 30 cars, pony rides and other activities.

There will be a free lunch (chicken, all-beef hot dogs or vegetarian meals) for all Los Altos Hills residents and Town Staff who pre-registered. Lunch will be cooked by the terrific firefighters from Santa Clara County Firefighters Local #1165. Meals will be served with

Firefighter's Chili, tossed salad, and garlic bread. Cold soft drinks, beer, wine and ice cream sundaes will be provided.

For those who pre-registered for the event, please remember to attend by marking it on your calendar today. If your plans change and you pre-registered, please call Town

Hall 941-7222 before it closes at 5:30 pm Friday, June 5. By calling to cancel before Friday, this will help accommodate those who registered for a meal after the registration deadline.

The picnic begins promptly at 1:00 pm. Food will be served only from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm; residents who arrive after 3:30 will not have an opportunity to be served. For those who requested a vegetarian meal, the vegetarian chili and veggie burgers will be at a designated food station.



HIDDEN VILLA SUMMER CONCERT: THE JOE SHARINO BAND

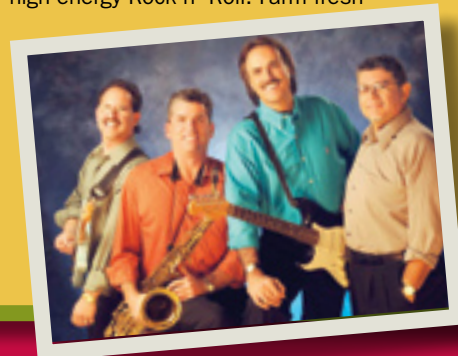


Come enjoy the big concert of the summer – the Joe Sharino Band at Hidden Villa on Sunday, July 26, 5:30

to 7:30 pm. The concert is free for all ages, however advance registration is required, with a limit of 5 people per registration. Shuttle buses from the Foothill College parking lot will begin at 4:30 pm.

Back by popular demand, this bay area favorite is the winner of over 15 Best Band awards in northern California including the

San Jose Mercury News, and KGO of San Francisco. The Joe Sharino Band is guaranteed to get you singing and dancing to its high energy Rock n' Roll. Farm fresh



Hidden Villa dinner and snacks will be available for purchase. Town residents are invited to a pre-concert wine and cheese reception from 4:00 – 5:00 pm, co-hosted by Hidden Villa and the Town's Community Relations Committee. Tickets may be ordered online at www.hiddenvilla.org as of June 1.

This concert is generously underwritten by the Town of Los Altos Hills and the Kalish Team at Intero Real Estate.

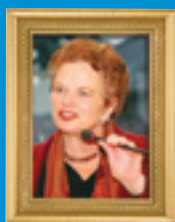
For more information, contact Mary Powell, Community Programs Hidden Villa, at (650) 949-9704.

Creating a Legacy in Los Altos Hills is Only a Few Brush Strokes Away



The Community Donor Wall Project, the town's first public art project, will enter Phase Two on July 1. Long-time Los Altos Hills resident and current Town Art curator, Karen Druker, provided the Town with a generous donation to purchase the materials required to complete the wall. School-aged children from the town will be given the opportunity to design and paint these tiles for the wall, which will be installed later in the summer.

Recently past donors of wall tiles received a letter indicating that Phase



Karen Druker announces donation at a recent council meeting.

One of the Community Donor Wall Project will end on June 30, 2009. The goal of Phase Two is to complete the wall by October. The timing is important because rain and moisture gradually damage exposed tile edges and

the tile adhesive.

If you have already donated a tile for the Community Donor Wall but have not completed it, please make every effort to do so prior to June 30. Otherwise that space will be assigned to a new tile.

The Town has partnered with Create It!, a ceramics studio in Palo Alto, to help residents to make new tiles. To

schedule your appointment, contact Beth Hoffman at (650) 323-1515.

Create It! Ceramics is located at 299 California Avenue, Suite 100.

You may design the tile with your family name or create a lasting commemorative image that will be a lasting legacy on the donor wall. If you need help to design or paint the tile, you can make special arrangements with an artist recommended by Create It!

Over 351 families have donated tiles. Stop by and take a look at the wonderful history that is being created by the families of Los Altos Hills.

Should you have any questions regarding your tile order, please contact Duffy Price, Donor Wall Chair, at (650) 948-0596 or Karen Jost, City Clerk at (650) 941-7222.



President Grant's Son Settled in LAH

Jesse Root Grant was the youngest child of Ulysses S. Grant, the Union General who did more than anyone except President Lincoln to defeat the Confederacy and preserve the Union. Like other offspring of famous fathers, Jesse Root Grant had a troubled existence. Marrying into a prominent San Francisco family, he virtually deserted his wife; filed suit for divorce accusing her of desertion; married a much younger woman; ran unsuccessfully for the Presidency; and built a house in Los Altos Hills, where he spent the last years of his life.

John Ralston, Los Altos Hills Historical

Society Program Director, will speak on Jesse Root Grant's checkered career, with illustrations. Please join us at the quarterly meeting of the Los Altos Hills Historical Society, Sunday June 28, 2009, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Refreshments will be served after the program.

For information about Los Altos Hills Historical Society, please visit our web site www.losaltoshills.org, or call (650) 776-9226.

*John Ralston,
LAHHS Program
Director*



Involving the Town's Citizens

Our greatest resource in the community is our involved citizens. They — and they alone — can build a sense of community and oneness. They provide our “social capital” by participating in networks, clubs, meetings and volunteer committees.

Los Altos Hills has always enjoyed a strong positive interest in developing programs for our handicapped, supporting children and students by attending their events and helping them to participate in recreational learning experiences and enjoying nature through our parks and recreation programs and pathways. Our LAH town volunteer committees work diligently

to improve our pathways, developing social events for the community and being involved in town governance.

The Town has openings on the following volunteer standing committees: Community Relations, Education, Emergency Communications, Environmental Design and Protection, Environmental Initiatives, Finance and Investment, History, Pathways, and Water Conservation. Applications are available on the Town website: www.losaltoshills.ca.gov or by contacting the Karen Jost, City Clerk at (650) 941-7222. The Emergency Communications Committee and Finance and Investment Committee have special requirements; please contact the City Clerk for specifics.



TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
26379 Fremont Road
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage
Paid
Los Altos, CA
Permit No. 306

Town Newsletter Statement of Purpose

This is the official Town Newsletter to communicate current issues, services and activities in Los Altos Hills to the residents of the Town — to facilitate, encourage and improve interaction between the residents and the Town government. The newsletter is published quarterly. Deadline for the next issue is July 31, 2009.

Printed with soy-based inks. International Paper, the manufacturer of the paper, has earned Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Forestry Stewardship Council dual certification.

www.losaltoshills.ca.gov

Our Town

The Town Newsletter is published with assistance from our Town Volunteer Committees and a generous contribution from Alexander Atkins Design, Inc.

Editor: Dorothy Duffy Price

Associate Editors: Nancy Couperus, Linda Seidel, Joan Sherlock, Barbara Waldeck, Patty Woolsey, Roy Woolsey

Principal Photography: Jitze Couperus

Los Altos Hills City Council

Jean Mordo, Mayor
Dean Warshawsky, Vice Mayor
Breene Kerr
Rich Larsen
Ginger Summit

CALENDAR

June
4

Thursday, 11:00 am
- Noon

Artist Reception

Join Artist Mike Wang for a descriptive walking tour of his paintings at LAH Town Hall; Info. Karen Druker at 650-941-8073

7

Sunday; 1:00-4:30 PM
Town Picnic



Purissima Park on Purissima Rd. at Viscaino Rd.; Free lunch for all Los Altos Hills residents and Town Staff (must be pre-registered); games, entertainment, trains, antique car show, and exhibits.



17

Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Forum on LAH Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Council chambers at Town Hall. You are invited to attend an informative talk on greenhouse gas emissions; learn where our emissions come from, how we can reduce them, and which California laws may compel us to do so. Low-carbon snacks will be served. Info. Lew Jamison (650) 949-3979 or email at lew@picircle.com

20-21

Relay for Life Los Altos/Los Altos Hills
Contact Julian Cervantes at 650-209-1537 or

jcervanteslarelly@gmail.com. Register or make a donation at www.relayforlife.org/losaltosca.

28

Sunday; 3-5:00 pm
LAH Historical Society Program

Council chambers at Town Hall. John Ralston presents the story of Jesse Root Grant, youngest child of Ulysses S. Grant. Refreshments. Contact: John Ralston at 650-776-9226

July
4

Saturday morning
Fourth of July Parade
Parade for all residents from Town Hall parking lot to Gardner Bullis. For information contact: Courtenay Corrigan at cccorrigan@yahoo.com.

26

Sunday; 5:30-7:30 PM
Hidden Villa Concert

Concert featuring The Joe Sharino Band; All ages, FREE; Advance Registration Required. Limit of 5 Registrations; Shuttle from Foothill College Parking; Order on line at www.hiddenvilla.org

Sept
12

Sat., 3-8 :00 pm;
Dinner, 5:00 pm
Community Hoedown
Westwind Community Barn, 27210 Altamont Road. Free fun-filled day of old fashioned games



and crafts, wine tasting by local vintners, farmers market, horse show. To Register: www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/parks-and-recreation.

27

Sunday 2-5:00 pm
Artist Reception
Goodwin (Goody) Steinberg Artist Reception, Town Hall; Noted Bay Area architect and artist Goodwin (Goody) Steinberg will exhibit his "Color Note Music" oversized original prints, which combine technology, art and music, at Town Hall, starting September 14, 2009. The works were featured at a solo show at the Tech Museum in San Jose in 2004.